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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANK-ING CORPORATION.

PAID UP CAPITAL, ... 5,000,000 Dollars. RESERVE FUND,..... 500,000 Dollars.

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INTEREST ALLOWED N Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 1 percent, per annum on the daily balance.

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Cradits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banaing and Exchange business transacted. Drafts, granted on London, and the

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chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan. T, JACKSON, Chief Manager,

Officer of the Corporation, No, 1, Queen's Road East. Hongkong, March 29, 1876.

Intimations.

THE UNION MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

TITHE Undersigned having been Appointed AGENTS of the above Company at HONGKONG and FOOCH W, are prepared to accept Risks and Issue Policies by any First-Class Steamers, at current rates, Payable either here, in London, in LIVERPOOL, or at the principal Ports of India and the East.

BIRLEY & Co.,

Hongkong, May 21, 1877.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR

CHAREHOLDERS in the above Office are requested to Furnish the Undersigned with a List of their Contribution for the Year ending 31st December, 1876, in order that the distribution of the Nett Profits reserved for Contributors may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the 31st August next, will be adjusted by the Office, and no Claims or Alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,

General Agents. Houghong, May 1, 1877.

PIANO TUNING.

A. HAHN, PRAUTICAL PIANO MANUFACTURER, KEPAIRER, and TUNER, begs leave to inform the Community of Hongkong of his arrival at this Port on a visit, and that he is now I repared to TUNE and REPAIR PIANOS, HARMO. NIUMS, Etc., at Moderate charges, during

his short stay. Orders left in care of Mesers Lane, Chay. TORD & Co. or Messes Chas. J. GAUPP & Co., will meet with prompt attention. Hongkong, May 23, 1877.

DENTAL NOTICE. R. STOUT intends visiting JAPAN ahortly, and would be glad if those who wish to Consult him professionally

would make an appointment for an Early HOURS FOR CONSULTATION:

8 a.m. to 4 p.m. No. 1, Alexandra Terrace. Hongkong, April 4, 1877.

Intimations.

LONDON :- F. ALGAR, 8, Clement's Lane, OMMENCING with the "GWALIOR" Lombard Street. George Street, 30, Cornhill. Gordon & Gotch, Ludgate Circus, E. C. Bates, Hendy & Co., Mail Steamers from China will proceed to London via Suez Canal, calling at Southampton to land Passengers and Mails. ADAM LIND,

> Superintendent. Hongkong, May 14, 1877.

For Sale.

FOR SALE MUTLER, PALMER & Co.'s Brands of WINES and SPIRITS.

Apply to SIEMSSEN & Co.

Hongkong, June 22, 1876.

FOR SALE. DERINET & FILS CHAMPAGNE, IN QUARTS AND PINTS. AMOROSO, SHERRY.

VINO DE PASTO.

WIELER & Co. Hongkong, May 22, 1877.

> FOR SALE, THE IRON SCREW STEAMER "ALBAY."

TETHE above Steamer was Built in Glasgow in 1872 by Messrs Dobbie & Co., under special survey of LLOYDS', and Her MACHINERY AND BOILER were made by Messrs JAMES HOWDEN. & Co., under special inspection. She was constructed to carry a large Cargo on a light draft of water and is well adapted for the Philippine, China, or Japan trade. She underwent general Repairs in 1875, when New SAILS, RIGGING, and a complete outfit were supplied by the Hongkong and WHAMPOA DOOK COMPANY, and in March of the present year her Engines and Boiler were thoroughly overhauled.

DIMENSIONS.-Length between Perpendiculars, 170 feet. Beam, 26 feet 3 inches. Depth of Hold from Ceiling to Main Deck, 9 feet 5 inches. Height from Main Deck to under side of Awning Deck, 7 feet 41 inches.

GROSS TONNAGE. - 550 Tons. CLASS. - Built to Class 100 A at Lloyds. RIG.-Brig Rigged.

CARGO CAPACITY .- About 9,000 piculs, or 625 tons Measurement (40 feet.) DRAFT. - Light 9 feet : Loaded 121 feet. SPEED. - Eight knots on consumption of 8; to 9 tons of coals per 24 hours.

BUNKER CAPACITY. - 75 tons coals. CABIN. - Under Awning Deck aft; saloon, pantry and five state rooms, with accon, modation for 12 first-class passengers.

MACHINERY.

ENGINE. - A pair of Howden's patent High Power nominal; High Pressure Cylinder | medicines." -Brit. Med. Jour. 25 inches, and Low Pressure Cylinder 45 inches in diameter : Stroke 30 inches. PROFELLER. Bessemer Steel of 4 Blades.

with One Spare Set of Blades. WINCH .- One Steam Winch with Donkey Boiler on Deck.

Boiler. -- One Horizontal Tubular Boiler 11 feet diameter, with 3 Furnaces, tested for a working pressure of 60 pounds.

MORRIS & RAY. Hongkong, March 29, 1877.

FOR SALE. MARINE ENGINE of 20 Horse Power Nominal, High and Low Pressure, with Extra SURFACE CONDENSER and Tubular Boiles. Consumption, 2

Tons per 24 Hours. The Engine is quite new; was manufactured by Messrs Matthew Paul & Co., Dumbarton, and is now deposited in the Godown of the late firm of Russell & Sturgis, Manila.

l'articulars may be obtained on applica- Port. MORRIS & RAY.

Hongkong, March 29, 1877.

FOR SALE.

TENRIOT & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE. Carte Blanche "Dry." TH. ROEDERER & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE. Carte Blanche. JOHN DURAND & Co.'s CLARETS and

WHITE WINES. STARTUP & KENTISH'S PORTS and SHERRIES.

MOULLON & Co.'s COGNACS, 1,2, 3 Stars. BLANCHY FRERES & Co.'s COGNACS. JUSTUS LEMBKE & Co.

Hongkong, April 9, 1877.

NOW READY.

CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE CANTONESE DIALECT. Part I. A to K, with Introduction. Royal Svo. pp. 202.—By Ernest John Effet, Ph.D.

Price! Two Dollars and 4 Hatt. To be had from Messrs Lank, CRAWFORD & Co., Hongkong and Shanghai, and Messre Kelly & Walsh, Shanghai, Hongkong, February 8, 1877.

For Sale.

Wiltshire Preserved BACON. Mixed PICKLES. PATE DE FOI GRAS. White ONIONS. CHAMPIGNONS. PICCALLILI. Worcester SAUCE. CHOW CHOW. Kippered HERRINGS. ·Assorted SAUCES. Potted MEATS. Anchovy PASTE.

Findon HADDOCKS. Herrings à la SARDINES. Oxford SAUSAGES. Yarmouth BLOATERS. Mince MEAT. Tinned VEGETABLES. SPIRITS. WINES.

Saccone's Pale Dry SHERRY. Hennessy's BRANDY. Courvoisier's Do. Invalids' PORT. La Grande Marque Do. Guiness' STOUT, qts. Rouyer Guillot & Co. Do. Krug's CHAMPAGNE. S. Boord's "OLD TOM." AVH GIN. Pommery & Greno's Do. Old Irish WHISKY. Sparkling & Still HOCK. Do. MOSELLE.

Jugged HARE. BEER. Bass' PALE ALE, qts. Do. pts. "Allsopp" Draught PORTER. Aitken's Falkirk ALE.

OX TONGUES in Jelly.

Corned OX TONGUES.

Smoked OX TONGUES

Bologna SAUSAGES.

Tart FRUITS.

JAMS and JELLIES.

Assorted SOUPS.

Sausage MEAT.

"Royal Glendee" Do. Combe & Co.'s STOUT. CLARETS, in Great Variety, Bulk and Bottled.

Hongkong, May 14, 1877.

Hunt's PORT.

Heidsick's Do.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.

APOLLINARIS

NATURAL MINERAL WATER.

A POLLINARIS WATER .- "It is, in cur opinion, superior for table purposes to any other mineral water with which we are acquainted. It is strongly effervescent, and forms an exceedingly pleasant and refreshing beverage, either alone or in combination with wine; and it is not, we are informed by an eminent medical friend, liable to that charge which has been so frequently brought against sods and other waters-that they have a depressing effect upon the system. On the contrary, medical testimony is unanimous in favour of the high therapeutic qualities of Apolinaris Water."- Civil Service Review.

APOLLINARIS WATER IS CERTAINLY THE QUEEN OF TABLE WATER. It is softer and more refreshing than its only rival Seltzer Water (Nassau Seltzer Brunnen), and is more pleasant to the palate. Over all manufactured Acrated Waters it has an incomparable superiority.

"APOLLINARIS WATER IS, moreover, a water of great organic purity, another highly important desideratum, in which artificial Aerated Waters often dangerously fail. Its place seems, therefore, marked as the favoured beverage of the favoured classes who can select their drinking water. Physicians will find it a valuable addition to their resources as a cool and refreshing drink, antacid, and useful in promoting digestion and gastric irritation. Such a water is the sworn enemy of gout, rheumatism, and their congeners."-London Medi. cal Record.

APOLLINARIS WATER, -Dr. HEB-MANN WEBER, F.R.C.P., writes :- "Having largely used it during the last seven years, I have found it of great value as an article of diet in gouty dispositions, in lithic acid diathesis, in tendency to gallstones, in some forms of catarrh of the bladder, and in chronic catarrh of the respiratory organs; in the latter, either heated by itself or mixed with hot milk or whey. To many persons the Apollinaris

PRICES.

CASE OF 50 QUARTS (STONE BOTTLES) \$10 , , 50 PINTS (,, CASKS,, 8 Doz. Sodawater Bottles \$15 room Suites.

N.B.-Stone Quart=3 Sodawater Bottles. $Pint = 1\frac{1}{2}$

\$2 Allowed for the Sodawater Bottles, if Returned. GEO. SMITH & Co., Agents for China and Japan.

NORTON & Co., Agents in Hongkong. May 9, 1877.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE:

TITE have This Day Opened a Branch VV of our Firm at AMOY. Mr. F. F. ELWELL will Act as our AGENT at that RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, May 1, 1877.

NOTICE.

MR. WILHELM CARL ENGEL. BRECHT VON PUSTAU, Junior, and Mr CONRAD MUNROE DONNER have been admitted Partners in our Firm from the First of January, 1877.

WM. PUSTAU & Co., Hongkong, Canton, Shanghai, Hongkong, April 16, 1877.

NOTICE. AR. EDWARD BURNIE will Conduct the

BUSINESS of my OFFICE, during my Temporary Absence from the Colony. R. H. CAIRNS, Surveyor to Local Offices, and Lloyd's Register of Shipping.

2, Club Chambers, sels in this Harbour, off Stone Cutters' Hongkong, March 17, 1877. VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

N and after the 16th day of November, 1876, and until further notice, the BUSINESS of the above-named DISPEN-SARY will be carried on by the Underalgned. WM. CRUICKSHANK,

Hongkong, November 31, 1876,

Manager.

Auctions.

GENERAL WEEKLY SALE.

ANE, CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction, in their Sale Room, Praya Central, on

FRIDAY,

the 25th May, 1877, at Noon,-Oilman's Stores, Mustard, Pickles, Salad Oil, Jam, Raisins, Maccaroni, Vermicelli, Oatmeal, Cheese.

Crockery Ware, Plates, Side Dishes, Mugs, Tea Cups, and Saucers. Cotton Socks and Stockings, Tooth Brushes, Sailor's Knives, Table Knives and Forks, Violet Powder.

20 doz. Alpacca Umbrellas.

10 " Silk

50 cases Boord & Son's Old Tom. 4 casks Washing Soda. 8 cases Each 6 Tins Gardener's & Florist's Friend.

1 Gazogene Apparatus, For making Soda Water. 1 Drawing-off Machine, for Syphons and Bottles. TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars, weighed at 7.1.7.

The Lot or Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

Hongkong, May 22, 1877. PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from Dr. STOUT, to sell by Public Auction, on

MONDAY,

forms an agreeable and useful addition to the 28th May, 1877, at 2 o'Clock p.m., and Low pressure Engines of 90 Horse bitter waters, and a good vehicle for some at his Residence No. 1, Alexandra Terrace,-

The whole of his HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c., comprising: Crim-,,) \$ 8 son and Green Damask Covered Drawing-

Blackwood Marble-top Tables. Gasaliers and Gas Brackets, Pier Glasses, Engravings, Carpets, Card Tables, and Skin Rugs.

Dining Table, Dinner, Dessert, and Breakfast Sets, Whatnots, Sideboard, Glass-ware, and Plated-ware. Iron Bedsteads, Wardrobes, Chest of Drawers with Glass, English-made Writing Desk, Folding Chairs, Glass Book-

case, Marble-top Toilet Table and Wash-

One SEWING MACHINE and Stand. Catalogues will be issued, and the whole to be on view on and after Saturday, the 26th Instant.

TERMS OF SALE, - Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. spatch as above. All Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchasers' risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctionser. Hongkong, May 22, 1877.

PUBLIC AUCTION. THE Undersigned has received instruc-

tions to sell by Public Auction, WEDNESDAY,

the 30th day of May, 1877, at Noon, on Board,-The Hulk "CHASE," lately used as the Gunpowder Depôt, as she now lies

ISLAND, with ONE ANCHOR and CHAIN TERMS OF SALE, - Cash on the fall of the hammer; and the Vessel to be at purchaser's risk on the fall of

hammer,

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Government Austioneer. Hongkong, May 17, 1877.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on MONDAY,

the 11th June, 1877, (or Private Sale before the Day of Sale), at 2 p.m.,-The well-known Tayern called the "STAR TAVERN," situated in Queen's Road West, No. 200, with FURNI-TURE, FIXTURES, LIQUORS,

TERMS OF SALE. - Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars, weighed at 7.1.7. J. M. GUEDES, JR., Auctioneer. Hongkong, May 23, 1877.

shipping.

Steamers.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW. The Steamship Capt. Punchard, will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 26th Instant, at 3 p.m. For Freight or Passage, apply to

Hongkong, May 23, 1877. FOR MANILA. The Steamship "ESMERALDA," Capt. THEBAUD, will be despatched for the above Port on MUNUAY, the 28th Instant, at Noon.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

For Freight or Passage, apply to A. MAGG. HEATON. N.B.-No Parcels will be received at the Office after 10 a.m. on the 28th. Hongkong, May 23, 1877.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO. The A 1 British Ship "MADURA," STANTON, Master, will load here and will have immediate

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co. Hongkong, May 18, 1877.

FOR NEW YORK. The A 1 American Ship THOMAS LORD," HALL, Master, will load here and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to · VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co. Hongkong, April 26, 1877. FOR NEW YORK.

The A 1 American Ship "NEW ERA, SAYER, Master, will load here and will have quick despatch. For Freight, apply to

VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co. Hongkong, April 27, 1877.

FOR NEW YORK The A 1 American Bark "ALBERT RUSSELL," Captain CARVER, will load here and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

Hongkong, April 20, 1877. FOR SAN FRANCISCO. The A 1 American Bark "ROSETTA MoNEIL, Brown, Master, will load here and will have immediate de-For Freight, apply to

VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

FOR MELBOURNE & SYDNEY. The A 1 British Barque " NOVELTY, Captain Colliver, having the greater portion of her Cargo engaged, will have quick despatch

Hongkong, April 14, 1877.

For Freight or Passage, apply to ROZARIO & Co. Hongkong, May 10, 1877.

FOR SYDNEY & MELBOURNE. The A1 American Barque Captain Snow, having most of her Cargo engaged, will have expense.

quick despatch as above.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co. Hongkong, May 10, 1877.

shipping.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR LONDON.

The A 1 British Ship "LALLA ROOKH," HENDER, Muster, will load here and have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, April 28, 1877.

FOR LONDON. The A 1 British Clipper Ship "LEUCADIA,"
MEARNS, Master, will load here
and have quick despatch.

MEYER & Co.

Notices to Consignees. COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. Volga, from London, are hereby in formed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees, before Monday, the 21st May, at Noon, requesting it to be landed here.

the Undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed after SATUR-DAY, the 26th May, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

Hongkong, May 20, 1877. NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the abovenamed Vessel, from Bombay and Intermediate Ports, and in connection with the BOKHARA and THIBET from London, and PESHAWUR from Calcutta. are hereby notified that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk in the

Goods not delivered by the 26th Instant will be subject to rent. Optional Cargo for Shanghai will be forwarded on by following Steamer unless

Superintendent.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES. THE BRITISH SHIP CARRICKS. FROM LONDON.

ONSIGNEES of Cargo by the abovenamed Vessel are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods. Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

MEYER & Co. Hongkong, May 10, 1877.

LONDON.

Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods. Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Con-

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

GERMAN BARQUE IRIS, FROM

HAMBURG. CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above Vessel are hereby requested to send for countersignature, and to take immediate

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Conas signees risk and expense.

Hongkong, May 19, 1877. CONSIGNEES of Cargo per German Barque CAURA, THIEMEN, Master, from HAMBURG, are requested to take

immediate delivery of their Goods from Cargo, impeding the discharge will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and

Hongkong, May 22, 1877,

For Freight, apply to Hoogkong, April 20, 1877.

> MARITIMES. S. VOLGA.

NOTICE. Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

No Fire Insurance has been effected. H. DU POUEY,

P. & O. S. N. Co. S. S. KASHGAR.

Company's Godowns, at West Point, whence

delivery can be obtained from this date. applied for by the Consignees before Noon

To-morrow.

ADAM LIND. Hongkong, May 20, 1877.

BARQUE CHINAMAN, FROM THIS Vessel having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are requested to send in their

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., Agents. Hongkong, May 21, 1877.

signees' risk and expense.

in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned delivery of their Goods.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co., Agents.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by WM. PUSTAU & Co.

Intimations.

NOTICE.

LONDON & ORIENTAL STEAM TRANSIT INSURANCE Co.

THE BUSINESS of this Company has This Day been Transferred to THE MARINE INSURANCE Co., of 20, OLD BROAD STREET, LONDON.

By Order of the Proprietors, WILLIAM HUNT, Secretary.

137, Leadenhall Street, LONDON, 1st January, 1877.

> THE MARINE INSURANCE CO. 20, Old Broad Street, 1st January, 1877. ESTABLISHED 1836.

CAPITAL,£1,000,000 STERLING. RESERVE FUND,....£ 340,000 TITH Reference to the foregoing Advertisement THE MARINE INSUR-

STEAM TRANSIT Co., and has Appointed Mr A. McIver as its AGENT in Hong-KONG. By Order of the Board of Directors, ROBERT J. LODGE,

ANCE Co. has This Day taken over the

Business of the LONDON & ORIENTAL

THE Undersigned is prepared to Accept Risks and issue Policles on behalf of the MARINE INSURANCE Co. by any First Class Steamer.

Manager.

A. MoIVER, Agent of the Marine Insurance Co. of London.

Hongkong, February 16, 1877.

AH YON,

COMPRADORE AND STEVEDORE,

No. 57. Praya West. SHIPPING SUPPLIED WITH ALL KINDS OF COAL, WATER, BALLAST, FRESH PROVISIONS & OILMAN'S

STORES Of the best quality and at the shortest notice. Hongkong, May 1, 1876.

NOTICE.

TTTE, the Undersigned, beg to inform the Public of Hongkong and Kowloon that the Charter of our Steam-launch CUM SING (plying between Peddar's Wharf and Tsim-sa-choi), by Mr Buxoo, will expire on the 30th Instant, after which date the said Launch will ply on the same route on our own account; having no connection whatever with the late Charterer. " The Fare will be as usual until further

notice.---WING KEE & Co.,

Praya Central.

Hongkong, April 30, 1877.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Cheang Hock Kian, for Amoy. Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Creu of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:---

Rosina, American 3-m. schooner, Capt C. W. Hansen.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co. ROSETTA McNeil, American barque, Captain Brown.—Vogel, Hagedorn & Co. NYASSA, British ship, Captain W. S. Garriock. - Douglas Lapraik & Co.

TULLOCHGORUM, British 3 m. schooner, Captain Mason, - Wieler & Co. HANNAH LAW, British-ship, Captain R.

Greig.—P. & O. S. N. Co. VESTA, German barque, Captain Dirks.—Melchers & Co.

HANNAH & MARY, British barque, Capt. A. Smith.—Order. TEWKSBURY L. SWEAT, American barque, Captain Wm. Griffin,—Meyer & Co.

WASHING BOOKS. (In English and Chinese,

TATASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now ready at this Office-Price, \$1 each. CHINA MATE Office.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SAIGON.

The British Steamship "FLINTSHIRE Captain Thomas, will be despatched for the above Port on the 26 h Instant, For Freight and Passage, apply to

87, Praya. Hougkong, May 24, 1877.

FOR FOOCHOW (DIRECT.) The British Steamer "BENARTY." Captain Poffest, will be de-spatched as above on MON-DAY Next, the 28th Instant, at 4 p.m. For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co. Hongkong, May 24, 1877.

FOR NEW YORK. The A 1 American Ship "HIGHLANDER," Hurghindon, Master, will load here and will have quick de-

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co. Hongkong, May 24, 1877.

NOTICE.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB will be Held at the Victoria Reundation CLUB House on THURSDAY, the Sist Instant, at 5 o'clock p.m.

H. E. WODEHOUSE, Hon. Sec., V. R. C. Hangkong, May 24, 1877.

To-day's Advertisements.

NOTICE,

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES. PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship Captain REYNIER, will be despatched for YOKOHAMA shortly after the arrival of the next French

H. DU POUEY,

Agent. Hongkong, May 24, 1877.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship "AMAZONE," Comdt. MORTEMART, will be despatched for SHANGHAI shortly after her arrival from Europe.

H. DU POURY,

Hongkong, May 24, 1877.

THE CURRENCY MEMORIAL TO HIS EXCELLENCY

JOHN POPE HENNESSY, LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR OF HONGKONG.

TN Brief, the Memorial draws attention to the unsatisfactory state of the Currency, and requests that no Legislation may be made which would jeopardise or postpone the advent of a clean, undefaced British Dollar for Hongkong, which it is understood that every one in the Colony, Native as well as Foreign (the Shroffs alone excepted) earnestly desires.

The original Memorial, to which have been attached the Signatures of over 150 Bankers, Merchants, Professional Men. Engineers, Manufacturers, Traders, and others, lies at the Office of Messrs Sharp & Co., Bank Buildings, where Printed Copies may be obtained.

Copies also lie for Signature at several of the Banks, Clubs, Stores, and Hotels.

BRIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

May 24, Leicester, British ship, 1809, Caddy, Newcastle (N.S.W.) April 16, Coal. -OBDER May 24, Rhoda, British barque, 252, S.

Bangkok April 30, Rice.-May 24, Grufe, British ship, 1068, Thos. Roberts, Cardiff Jan. 17, Coal. -- Douglas

LAPBAIR & Co. May 24, Michelle Selchau, British barque, 447, O. Gerstenberg, Bangkok April 24.- 18, Batavia, May 24, Hieronymus, German barque, 425,

C. Biehl, Bangkok, April 29, Rice. - WM. PUSTAU & Co.

DEPARTURES, May 24, Adria, for Bangkok. 24, Washi, for Halphong.

CLEARED.

Deutschland, for Newchwang. Onward, for Newchwang, Villa de Rivadavia, for Manila. Nyassa, for London. Gustav, for Maccassar. Gustav & Marie, for Haiphong. Thingvalla, for Saigon.

PASSENGERS. DEPARTED.

Per Adria, for Bangkok, 137 Chinese, Per Washi, for Haiphong, 20 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British ship Leicester reports: Sighted St. Johns May 1st. Babyan Claro on the 19th. Crossed the Equator May | 20, Springfield, 3rd in Long. 152.24 E.

The British barque Rhoda reports: 20, George, Light S.E. wind in the Gulf of Siam, and as far as Cape Padaran, thence light 26, May Queen, southerly winds and thick weather with a | 27, Scindia, current setting South.

The British ship Grufe reports: Winds | 29, Commissary, light and variable up China Seas until 20th May. Since then wind from S.E. to S.W. | 30, Elgin (s.), On 22nd and 23rd heavy rain with squally | Apr. weather, and much thunder and lightning, on 24th gentle breeze and fine.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS. MAILS will close :---

For SWATOW .--Per UHEANG HOCK KIAN, at 11 30 a.m. To-morrow, the 25th inst. instead of as previously notified. For SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW .-

Per NAMOA, at 2.80 p.m., on Saturday, the 26th inst. For MANILA, -

Per ESMERALDA, at 11.30 a.m., on Monday, the 28th inst.

MAILS BY THE PRENCH PACEST .-

The Erench Contrast Packet MEIKONG, 18, Coldstream, will be despatched from Hongkong 24, Wigton, on FATURDAY, the Buth instant, 28, Lale of Erin, with Mails to and through the Apr. United Hingdom and Europe, vid 8, Cores, Marstilles; to Salgon, Singapore, Batavia, Galle, Pondicherry, Madras, Calcutta, Bembay, Aden, Mar. Suet, and Alexandria. The following will be the hours of closing

the Mails, do. ;-Friday, May 25th .-5 P.M., Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes except the Nicht Box,

which remains open all night. Baturday, May 26 h .--Am., Post Office opens for sale of

Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence. 10 A.M., Registry of Letters ceases. 11 A.M., Post Office closes except for Late

ful.10 a.m., Letters (but Letters only) may be posted on payment of a Late Fee of 18 cents extra posts

11.30 A.M., when the Post Office Closus Hongkong, May 12, 1877,

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS. MAILS will close:

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET. The United States Mail Packet OCEANIC will be despatched on MUNDAY, the 28th instant, with Mails for San Francisco, and the United States, which will be closed as follows :--

2 P.M. Registry of Letters ceases. 2.30 P.M. Post-Office closes.

2.80 P.M. Correspondence for Japan or the United States only may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 12 cents extra Postage until

2.50 P.M. when the Mail is finally closed. Correspondence must be specially directed for this route, and if not fully prepaid will be sent by British Packet. Hongkong, May 15, 1877. my28

MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET .-The English Contract Packet GWALIOR will be despatched with the Mails for Europe, &c., on SATURDAY, the 2nd June. The following will be the hours of closing

Friday, 1st June. -5 P.M., Money Order Office closes. 6 P.M., Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night. Saturday, 2nd June.-

the Mails, do. :---

Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence. 10 A.M., Post Office closes except for Late Letters. Registry of Letters ceases. 10.15 A.M., Letters may be posted with LATE FEE of 18 cents extra

11 A.M., when the Post Office CLOSES 11.30 A.M., Letters (but Letters only, addressed to the United Kingdom Via Brindisi or to Singapore, may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 48 cents extra postage,

11.50 A.M., when the Mail is finally Hongkong, May 28, 1877.

Shipping Intelligence. The following is corrected from the latest London Papers :-VESSELS TO ARRIVE.

AT HONGEONG. When left. Name. 28, Western Chief, London Cardiff 4. Benclutha. 17, A. E. Vidal, Hamburg New York

4, C. R. Bishop, London Hamburg 12. Woodhall, London Hamburg Cardiff Polynesia, Cardiff Carrizal,

I. Robert Henderson, Buryport London Daphne, 12, Leading Wind, Antwerp Cardiff 7. Therese Behn. 18, Matchless, Cardiff 19, Cautus O., Cardiff 19, F. P. Lichfield, Cardiff Cardiff 19, Maipu, London 20, Penrith, 22. Enid. London 22, Osaka, London 27, Gold Hunter, Cardiff 28. D. McB. Park,

Sunderland v. S'pore Glasgow 28, Janet Ferguson, v. S'pore Brown Brothers, Cardiff Khedive, Antwerp Paracca, Cardiff Cardiff

1. Isles of the South, Cardiff 8, A. S. Davis, Cardiff 4. Nimbus, Cardiff 6. Lord Macaulay, Cardiff Cardiff' 13, Golden Spur, London lo, Antwerp, 19. Victoria. Swansea 19, C. W. Coobrane. Liverpoo. Cardiff Cardiff Cardiff 22, Birling (a.) Cardiff London . Fortuna (s.) London 29, Cygnus, Cardiff

v. Suez, &c. Antwerp v. Suez, &c. left S'pore London Cardiff 8. Rota. Cardiff 4. Bydenham, Liverpool . Priam (s.),

via Sues Kalsow. London 10, St. Elmo. Cardiff

11. H. S. Sandford (s.) 12, Galatea (s.),

23, John Nicholson. New York Undine, London 11. Windhover. London 31. Forward Ho. London 22, Belted Will. London 28, City of Aberdeen, London

3, Callet Ou. Card ff 10, Sir Laucelot, London

AT AMOY.

AT SWATOW. AT CHEFOO.

7. Ale stis. LOADING FOR CHINA AND JAPAN PORTE, At London. -- Steamers via Sues Canal. Gleboroby. Nankin. Amboto. Altona.

Gordon Castle. Glengyle. Vessels. Abbey Cowper. Duke of Abstuorn. Melbrek. James Shepherd. Ferdinand Brummi Hate Carpie.

At LAverpool,

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General Memoranda.

SATURDAY, May 26:-Noon.-French Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe. 3 p.m. - Namoa leaves for Coast Ports.

Flintshire leaves for Saigon. Goods per Teviot undelivered after this date subject to rent.

Goods per Volga undelivered after Noon, subject to rent and landing charges. Goods per Kashgar undelivered after this date subject to rent. MONDAY, May 28:-

Noon. - Esmeralda leaves for Manila. 2 p.m.—Sale of Household Furniture, at Dr Stoue's residence, No. 1, Alexandra Terrace.

3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco. 4 p.m. - Benarty leaves for Foochow (direct.) WEDNESDAY, May 30:-

Noon.—Sale of Hulk Chase, drc., or board, off Stone Cutters' Island. THURSDAY, May 31:---5 p.m.-Meeting of the Victoria Recreation Club at the Club House.

SATURDAY, June 2:-Noon.-English Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe. Monday, June 11:-2 p.m. - Sale of Goodwill, Furniture

Fixtures, Liquors, &c., of the "Star Tavern." FRIDAY, June 15:-3 p.m.—American Mail leaves for Yoko-

hams and San Francisco.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Auction. Noon. -General Weekly Sale by Mesers Lane, Crawford & Co.

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THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, MAY 24, 1877.

A RECENT telegram announces that a railway 163 miles in length has been opened between Rangoon and Prome in British Burmah. It is quite possible that at some future day this line may be extended, and become an important channel for trade with Western China. The final orders of the Secretary of State sanctioning the construction of the whole of the line were received in December 1874, and the work has been in hand about three years. The whole of the rolling stock has been manufactured on the spot. Prome, the terminus of the line, is an important town, of about 100,000 inhabitants, but however thickly populated the district may be the undertaking is undoubtedly a very spirited one, and reflects considerable credit upon British enterprise. This is the second railway constructed, or under construction for Canton in British Burmah, the other being the Sittang Valley Line. The official title of the Rangoon-Prome Line is the Irrawaddy Valley (State) Railway.

THE peculiarities of the administration Cardiff v. Suez, &c. of justice in China receive a striking Cardiff v. Suez, &c. illustration in a memorial that appears in the Peking Gazette of the 20th of last month. In it the Acting Governor General of Shantung reports the trial and execution of one Chen Sze for the crime of parricide. It seems that Chan had got into a dispute with his father upon some trivial matter, whereupon the latter seized a chopper, and rushed at his son with it, threatening to kill him. defended himself from the attack as well as he could, and managing to wrest the chopper from his assailant, he, to use the words of the memorial, "dealt a blow at his father unthinkingly which laid him prostrate and insensible on the ground with an incised wound in the forehead." In great terror at the consequences of his act, Chôn gave an alarm declaring that his father had been wounded by robbers. The wounded man lingered in life for three days and then died. Subsequently on the deceased man's brothers questioning report of the death of his father to the authorities and solicit an inquest, Chen confessed the real circumstances of the occurrence, and was immediately denounced to the District Magistrate by He told us that many Chinamen believe country in Europe Chen, under such sir- dulge in it as little as possible. Opiumcumstances as these, would probably have smokers, by the way, are proverbially averse escaped with a very light punishment, to water, for what reason we have never been Not so, however, in China. Chen, we lost in astonishment at the few paltry are told, was duly tried, and in accord- characters we had traced, all too clumsily, ch's, or slicing process. His head was was deld bequeous ; but to write the sacred

also despatched to the scene of his crime to be exposed as a public warning.

FROM some statistics respecting the trade of Tonquin appearing in the London and China Express, we learn that the value of goods shipped or landed at Haiphong from the opening of the port on the 15th September 1875 to the 30th September 1876 amounted to, including specie and opium, £8,800,000—the imports being £5,000,000, and the exports 3,000,000. During the same period the shipping entered at the port reached 13,797 tons, comprising 30 European vessels, with a total tonnage of 10,513 tons and 139 Chinese junks. England and her colonies imported to Tonquin goods to the amount of Tls. 254,000, consisting chiefly, so far as value is concerned, of spun cotton and opium. The principal exports were rice, dried vegetables, and false gambier. Merchandise comprised under the denomination of medicines, however, occupied an important place in the list of exports, the value year to Hongkong reaching Tls. 41,189. "Tonquin is capable of furnishing large quantities of raw silk," adds our contemporary, "and the export dues the natives renders this silk difficult of sale upon European markets, but it is to be hoped that sooner or later the Tonkingese will adopt an improved method, or perhaps even the cheapness of raw material and of labour might induce Europeans to start spinning mills at the open ports. The imports most in demand are spun cotton and cotton textures, opium, chinaware, and medicines, glass and iron ware, haberdashery, and cheap perfu-

LOCAL AND GENERAL

THE M. M. str. Amazone, with the next outward mails, left Singapore on Tuesday top, and presenting the appearance at a disafternoon, the 22nd inst.

To-DAY being the anniversary of the Natal day of H. M. the Queen, all the Government Offices were closed, except the Police Court, which opened till about noon, to dispose of a few trifling cases. In the case of two women charged with trafficking in women, reported in our last issue, Mr Holmes, who was engaged for the defence of the 2nd defendant, applied for ball today on her behalf, but the application was

WE celebrate to-day the 58th anniversary of Her Majesty Queen Victoria's birthday. She has this day completed her 58th year, and will have reigned over the British Empire forty years on the 26th of June next. In addition to her previous titles of Queen of the United Kingdom of Great she now has added that of Empress of India-in India, Shri Shri Rani Victoria, Kaisar-i-Hind. There is no quarter of the globe where the domestic monarch will not to-day be right loyally remembered and favourably regarded. Although the semirepublican spirit of our Government may lessen the national importance of the natal day of royalty, it takes nothing from the personal loyalty which is and ever will be inherent in Englishmen towards the reign-

ing dynasty. . Royal salutes were fired at noon by H. M. S. Victor Emanuel, U. S. S. Ashuelot, and the Battery on shore. Nearly the he dined with a party of friends, and took whole of the vessels in Harbour, and most of the leading hongs facing the Praya were decorated with flags; and the bells of St. John's Cathedral Church, as well as those of the Roman Catholic Church, were rang. A parade or review of the troops in garrison was held in the afternoon, and a party followed up this telling argument by an will take place at Government House the evening, in honour of the occasion.

TRIP FROM SWATOW TO CANTON (Continued.)

All the evening we had a slashing breeze from a favourable quarter, contrary, as the tai-kong told us, to his wildest expectations at this season of the year. Reflecting that this poor man was so saturated with superstitions of all kinds that we should only be wasting valuable time in trying to convert him to the cause of science, we thereupon directed his attention to the responses he had received from his infallible Pu-sa; and we further added a response of our own, scrib-bled with a lead-pencil on the stern of his

boat. It was to this effect :-If you are fair, the wind will be fair. Jin shwên fêng shwên. He knew all these characters; and we might have incautiously set him down as a scholar of no mean order, had we not discovered on subsequent examination that these four words formed near about the sum-total of his stock in trade. Our object however was gained. He was convinced that even a Chen as to his having failed to make a barbarian may bring good luck with him though he hasn't a flat nose and betrays an irresistible tendency to wash himself much more than is either necessary or good for him-two points which seemed to attract the special attention of this particular man. his uncles. In England or any other washing to be injurious to health, and inance with the statute relating to parricide upon his boat. That a foreigner should be was sentenced to lose his life by ling. able to speak the language of the son of Han

symbols arranged by the prophets of old and handed down from generation to generation, the exclusive property of the blackhaired people—this indeed was never dreamt of in the philosophy of our simple boatman. And lest any student, just entering upon a course of Chinese studies, should peruse the jumbled items of this hastily-written diary let us warn him while there is yet time that a knowledge of Chinese characters implies the power of writing them; and that a man who says he can recognise characters but cannot write them must perforce remain for ever an inaccurate and unreliable scholar. There are those who will boldly assert the falsehood of the principle we have here ventured to lay down; but such will always be found belong to the ranks of those "who know characters but cannot write them, and amidet their loudest vociferations and most violent statements the minds of their audience will inevitably wander away to the fable of the monkey who had lost his tail.

23rd.—Early this morning we reached Sam-ho-pa (三河坦), and took breakfast in the presence of a shricking and excited audience. Between our own boat and the bank were two other boats, so that the people standing there did not get a first-rate view. This difficulty was soon obviated by of this particular export during the a ferry-man who took three punts of the regular line and ran them from the Sam-hopa bank round to the other side of our boat where they delayed to receive another freight of sight-seers for a similar trip. Thus immense numbers were gratified by the sight upon this produce being very moder- of a very singular wild animal-at feeding ate, we may expect that this branch time too-and the ferry-man, who charged of trade will increase considerably. The the usual ferry fee of a cash per passenger, defective mode of winding employed by realized the earnings of several days in the short space of a single hour.

The pagodas in this neighbourhood are of only two, or at most three, storeys. Such buildings are of course expensive and the people here are poor. Yet we noticed no diminution in the number or size of the josshouses scattered about the hills. From the cabin of our boat we have counted as many as four, all in sight at once. Buddhism has still a firm grip upon the minds of the people which will not easily be relaxed.

Shortly after leaving Sam-ho-pa we passed

the first bond fide specimen of terrace cultivation that we had seen during ten years residence in various parts of China. We had frequently observed some half-dozen and more terraces one above the other, but out at the base of a hill in continuation as it were of the valley below; but here was a high hill terraced right away to the very tance of an enormous flight of steps. We counted the terraces and found there were forty-three. Several pretty little farms with brown children and the inevitable waterbuffalo at the door relieved here and there the monotony of the hills, which for the last ten miles or so had been of an unvarying green. Now and then a grave met the eye, looking in its solitary whiteness like the target of a distant rifle-butt. We noticed only one shut in by the horse-shoe of trees which Chinamen love to think excludes the wind from the sacred bones of their departed ancestors. But all were placed in some gentle dip on the hill-side where the good influences of nature collect to lap them in eternal slumbers. Our attention was here called off to flocks of wild geese flying overhead in a northerly direction, and forming the two characters A man jin and - yih one as the Chinese say is their wont. From these the eye wanders to some exquisite groups of bamboo, the tops of which bend gracefully over, for all the world like Prince of Wales's feathers. And now the boatman informs us that away among the hills on the right bank are man-eating tigers, and that two children were carried away last year by Britain and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, them and one the year before. There is evidently enough cover to justify his statement, and we accordingly accept it without

We are now passing the very spot where the famous recluse Lu Chu-ch'i spent so many years of his existence

'Far from the madding crowd's ignoble strife," in the company of his books alone. A large omnium gatherum shop stands upon the site of his one-roomed hut, and before it there is an aged banian tree which we should like to believe once screened the sage from the rays of a July sun. Yet sage as he was, spurning the society of ordinary men, he did not altogether despise some of the pleasures of life, as the reader will be able to judge from the following anecdote. One night, when he was on a visit to the city of Ch'ao-yang, such quantity of wine that he was positively unable to walk and fell flat down in the middle of the street. By and by the Prefect came along in his chair, and seeing him lying right in the fair-way roared at him to get up. But Lu Chu-ch'i merely raised himself lazily on his elbow and replied "You are the Prefect: that's your business. I'm drunk: that's my business." And he impromptu couplet, as follows:-

"Though the torrent be swift it can ne'er carry off the moon-beam that lights up its bed : Though the mountain be high yet it cannot arrest the fast-flying cloud overhead."

Thereupon the Prefect ordered his servants to help the stranger home, "For, truly," said he, "this is no ordinary man,

A bend of the river brought us, during

our usual afternoon walk, suddenly upon a small Hakka village. Dogs flew out and barked in all directions, and we were soon surrounded by a bevy of women and children, with only one man among them. The men are chiefly employed in the boat traffic up and down the river; cultivation of the fields is left to their wives and daughters. They are a simple, goodnatured lot, but very dirty. It was amusing to find that a native of the Ch'ao-chou Fu district who was with us and could speak no language but his own, did not understand these Hakkas as well as we ourselves, and was perfectly unintelligible to them. Every now and then we managed to detect a word of mandarin, such as yu (有) have got, and oh'len (12) money, and so succeeded in arranging for the purchase of four eggs at about ten times their real value. Suddenly one of the women who had got behind us discovered that we had no tail, and a deafening shout was raised by the entire village as the news spread rapidly from one to another. But they nearly all went into fits of excitement when we removed our "Christy's Patent Machine Made" and betrayed a crop almost of Parisian closeness. They said we were the first of our race they had ever seen, and that there was not a single person in their village who could either read or write. For all that they did not strike us us being a lower order of humanity than the inhabitants of many a Welsh out-of-the-way hamlet, Wishing

them good-bye, we took our way once more along the narrow path out on the precipitous hills which flank the river on both sides. We gradually got acoustomed to seeing a sheer fall of many feet on one hand and

24.—This morning we arrived at the Ta- popular shrine. feng-pien rapids which are considered among the most dangerous of all about here; so that a proverb has sprung up and is now widely used in the Ch'ao-chou department by numbers who are quite ignorant of its origin. It runs thus :-

"Lose a pole, and you're back to Sam-ho-pah." Shih yik kaou chuan chu'ii San-ho-pa.

For the stream is so swift just at this point that much valuable time would be lost if one of the boatmen dropped his punt-pole into the water. The usual application of the proverb is to any arduous undertaking in which the least slip would be fatal.

Having had unseasonably hot weather up to to-day, we are now treated to a temperature which calls for a thick great-coat at breakfast. Yet these wonderful boatmen make no change in their costume unless it is to wrap up their heads in a blue calico turban, leaving their legs and backs well exposed to the pitiless north-easter which makes us delicate mortals shiver again. From one year's end to the other they seem never to put on either shoes or stockings; but, somewhat contrary to our notions, they are very careful to keep their heads as warm as they can. Tradition says that the turbans worn by the natives in this part of the empire were first put on at the opening of the present dynasty, when, sullenly submitting to the Manchu power, they sought to hide the hated badge of slavery-the shaven head and plaited tail which the victorious Tartars imposed upon the conquered race.

storeyed octagonal pageda with a small red | readers, until lunch. He may, however, In debate his genius is apt to run away with temple at its foot sacred to the God of obtain an extension of leave by prolong- him, and he is a poet before anything else. Literature, from which point the hills on ing his fast. The meal is served by one, The happiest combinations are those which both sides recede inland and leave us to wind and all are summoned but the master. No he inspires without attempting to lead. our way through an open and apparently one ventures to disturb him. His under- The meal is commonly a long one, but fertile plain until we reach Sung-kou where | done cutlet is there; if he comes in to time, | probably no one rises from the table withthey again take their place on either bank he has it hot; if not, he very contentedly out feeling that, it has been too short. of the river. The chilly air has a tendency eats it stone-cold, sometimes at three or Not a single precious moment has been to sharpen the appetite, as we remark during four in the afternoon. When he is late, wasted in ennui: the presence of ladies, and five minutes' conversation with the "man at they guess that it is because he is i' the notably of Victor Hugo's daughter-in-law, to take place more rapidly than usual-and has tasted solid food. we bow forthwith to his decision. For is he He might be tempted to linger in his not a child of the same soil that produced study for another reason: from the moment the sages of antiquity? And did not those he comes out of it he ceases to belong to sages examine closely into the nature of himself. The world seizes him in a grip things and deduce certain fixed laws to as tight as that of the pieuvre in his own remain unchallenged for all time? But we | fable of natural history. There is only one have thrown an apple of discord on to regulation, as the police might say, to the boatmen's dinner-table—the deck. They | 'divide the crowd.' If you want to speak have taken up the theory of cold weather | to him on literature, it is generally underincreasing the appetite and are talking for stood you come in the afternoon; if on their very lives. And as we are rather in politics, in the evening; but, to tell the the proverb trade to-day, we will just truth, the distinction is one rather of form mention a saying apropos of the long tongues | than of fact. Nothing is easier than to of these Hakka boatmen.

"Three Hakkas and three Ch'ao-yang men will take enough to stun you."

San-ko K'ê-jin, san-ko Ch'ao-yang-jin

tsü hua kua sze jin. down on them, that "800 tons would be literature, Victor Hugo. He gets his state that peradventure two Hakkas would de Clichy, a sort of-connecting-link, one are quite diverting our attention from the at the choice of such a busy thoroughfare extraordinary looking village of Sung-k'ou, for a song-bird's nest-a thoroughfare of with the single exception of the local pawnshop which flaunts its huge sign lofty and well-kept outer wall. We stop here a few minutes only and then pole slowly up stream before a large and wondering erowd. The washer-woman almost drops her baton with astonishment,

"Ixion rests upon his wheel."

other side of the water, whose features were is hardly a vacant chair. equally indistinct.

Swatow that there are three hard trades for acquaintance of the furniture. In either a poor man,-

1. Managing rafts. 2; Carrying young fish to stock ponder

B. Cutting fuel on the hills. tiresome jozging motion so that the water in | can be said. which they are kept shall be well shaken about; otherwise the fish will die. In the third case the fuel-cutter outs away all day until he is thoroughly tired and hungry and then he has to carry a heavy load

(To be continued.) Alsanghai Courier,

CELEBRITIES AT HOME. (World.)

VICTOR HUGO IN THE RUE DE CLICHY. nothing to catch hold of on the other but | Channel Islands—that is to say, from the surface-deep plants and weeds. Now and most animated part of animated Nature names, made us wish that in youth we had he left his retreat to return to Paris once acquired to pied montagnard on some more. In Jersey and in Guernsey he was treacherous Alpine path. A gap of any- necessarily left very much alone. A man thing from ten to twenty feet in breadth by | who before his exile could never without a The fact is accounted for by his varied the flight of time?

> last lover of literature retires from his life. threshold, the first Republican constitu- At seven he enters dinner. He is always tionalist arrives. He has been obliged to punctual, this being his first hour of true as men do go, but you could hardly see the meal the holiday-time of his spirit like a sheet of print. In the one case, the is a veritable little parliament; and, since children, especially of petite Jeanne his the substantial value of his advice. favourite, is to be heard in the house. They lead their life; he, his, during those hours devoted to composition. It is

evade the rule; you have only to make your errand things in general, and you may

go at any hour. A young writer has just brought out a from the publisher. Some he keeps for may be traced the lineaments of a beautiful patient and the friend at a glance. Our

coming down with the stream upon their twinkling; if a foreigner, he probably redifficult and dangerous course. They say at tires into a corner and makes the employed. The room is characterised by walls and ceiling are tapeatried in a low-

glance, as though he were engaged in the place aux dames: a beautiful débutante in legal proceedings would be taken. Rather enforcing the precepts to the choir under vain effort to identify them by the names opera has just entered the room. Bon- than go to law about the matter, the pro- his charge a certain amount of practical on their cards. When he does speak, his soir, maître; but you must have forgotten moters of the concert paid the sovereign; example became necessary, and in giving his style. He went from Paris to the manner is found to be perfect. He has the me; and she raises her hand to her lips. but I cannot say I envy Messrs. Wall & these examples young Reeves discovered unostentatious graciousness of his twofold | Mon enfant, after I had once seen you | Bodda the receipt of it. I am even tempted patent of nobility, social and intellectual; how could I ever do that? then a bridge, to call small things by great | into almost monastic seclusion—and finally | for, in spite of what the wits say about the modernness of his title in the French this drawing-room in spite of himself - demands appears to need some better basis Probably because he feared to trust his own peerage, now long laid aside,—the name king, not more by virtue of his genius than than the dicta of Mr Wall. he bears, has been a good one, as the world's estimate goes, for over three hundred most eminent because he is the most loved adelphia, which I recommend to the notice development of the voice would be better about sixty-five feet (we omit fractions) in stratagem have secured an evening to him- years. He has the benignant smile of his depth, spanned by three narrow planks, is self passed whole weeks and months in age, the gentleness and the complete sufficiently uninviting to people who have comparative soclusion, with none but his absence of self-assertion of his assured not been trained to rope-dancing. On one family around him, and with only the sea position in the public regard. His speech occasion we found the middle plank quite to answer his voice in the outer world. is eminently simple in form; he seems rotted away at the further end, so that the The varied strength of his character is incapable of an epigram—no doubt because writers of France, and his beginnings of again; again did the letter follow, and ter and quality of his young pupil's voice, iron rivet which held the three together was attested by the manner in which he bore he has just made so many hundreds in the distinction date from so far back that he unavailingly pursued its object over the that he treated it as baritone, and gave exposed to view, and we experienced a the change. The literary cry for the desert other room, and he wants a rest. The violent rush of blood to the head as we is generally insincere; and few great men morning crowd dismissed, he goes out to Siècles of his own personal reminiscences The business was then given up, and the to a voice of that compass and register. stopped there a moment over the gulf below who retire from the crowd can help casting take the air. It is rumoured that he likes of fame. Lamartine tended the flame at epistle was deposited in the dead-letter office The strong love for things dramatic induced to adjust our feet carefully on the two one longing lingering look behind to see if no way of taking it so well as to jump on which he lit his poetic torch; he was the at Washington. There it lay until last him to resign his post as organist, and in exterior planks which were sound. We they are not followed by a portrait-painter an omnibus, and to do the whole journey enfant subline of Chateaubriand. We may year, when it was shown at the Centennial due course to make his first essay as a found, however, that the will could exercise or a scribe. If Victor Hugo himself did out and home with the panorama of the regret that at times he gave up to party Exhibition, and moreover seen, claimed, and vocalist. When he was scarcely eighteen considerable control over this rush of blood, the same thing, nobody saw him. On his crowded streets before his eyes. Some what was meat for mankind, since all the obtained by the person to whom it was years of age, he made his first bow before and in response to a determination not to let | return to France he passed, as it were, | times, but not very often just now, he | world has had its part in that loss; but | originally addressed. It unfortunately con- | an audience. The Theatre Royal at Newit confuse our thoughts, we felt it begin from the night of public notice into its takes the train for Versailles on senatorial we had better make haste to forget it, or tained nothing more romantic than 300 castle was the scene of his debut, and here, gradually to subside. In less dangerous noontide blaze, and Paris has ever since duties intent. He missed the right one we shall be anticipated by his countrymen, dollars; but place in it the missing will as at one or two other theatres in that places, three bamboos are usually tied been trying to make up by her importunity the other day when they were electing a who are the principal sufferers, and who together and thrown across, and the naked of hero-worship for the enforced neglect of brother senator, and arrived five minutes are far more united than they would produce it in the third volume or the fourth Rodolpho, in Bellini's opera "La Sonnamfoot of the local mountaineer finds no trouble years. His servants would save themselves too late with a vote that might have saved sometimes have us believe in the honour is stepping lightly across. But beneath the a great deal of fruitless trouble by keeping his party from ultimate defeat by turning they pay to his person and his name. barbarian boot, these bamboo poles always his door wide open; for there seems to be the immediate contest into a draw. He feel as if they must turn round, besides a tacit understanding among Frenchmen of was twitted for it, but more by his being smooth and slippery enough to make all classes that it shall never be shut. The triumphant enemies than by his beaten the passage across anything but comfortable ordinary arrangement seems to be as much friends. "Why try to make men of out of place as a padlocked gate before a business of poets?", cried the Figure. "What can they be expected to know of relations with the world. He is a zodiac, not at their watches." It is fair dramatist, a writer of romance, an artist, enough as a hit in party warfare, but an orator, a poet, and a politician: ha seems | outside of that it is of no force whatever in to touch public life at all points. Ere the its implication of censure of this over-busy

take rigorous measures of self-defence. mental relaxation. He has friends at You may go to his house in the morning, the board every day, and their talk makes him to save your life. You would not, He seems to keep open house for those he indeed, catch him napping, for he is up likes. Go on what day you may at this betimes; but he would be locked in his hour, and you find a party sitting down to study, putting touches, perhaps, to the table. The talk is a finely-blended salad manuscript of La Légende des Siècles in the of good things, soft and piquant, in literamarvellously clear hand in which it is sent | ture, politics, music, the drama, and even to the publisher. His letters, by the way, art, for Victor Hugo is no mean hand with are scrawls; it is only his 'copy' that is the pencil. Politics has the first place-it burden of responsibility for his meaning | there are mots instead of speeches, it is rests with the person addressed; in the much more entertaining than Versailles. other, with the writer. It would be your It may be likened rather to a periodical misfortune if you missed a line in an Tea-room meeting, at which the course of invitation to dinner; it would be his if the one section of the House is determined in compositor left out a single antithesis in advance from day to day. The key to an invocation to Paris as the Light of the much that passes in the Hall of Assembly World. A home-loving man, he has still a | in the afternoon is to be found in what was family about him in the second generation, said in this little dining-room the night though Death has dealt so cruelly with the | before. The host leads - not more by first, and the prattle of his children's reason of his position at the board than of enjoys a high and a deserved reputation among his party for his temperance and common sense in counsel and for his understood that he is to be kept free from | tactical skill. He knows when to charge, all intrusion until breakfast time, or, to if his speeches and political writings show Meanwhile we are slowly passing a soven- | render it by its true equivalent for English | that he does not always know how to do it. the wheel;" but this infallible guide assures | vein, and will not, or cannot, leave his whom he has just lost by her marriage with us that the phenomenon is due to the amount | task. He invariably makes but one sitting | a Radical deputy, M. Lockroy, serving as a of wood all round us, which causes digestion of it: he is unable to write a line after he standing security against that worst evil of

reception, and the host has to make short be interpreted as treasonably felonious in he is not so popular as his frolicsome brother work with his dessert. When the process Ireland a few years ago. If, as I have house; and the many coloured ornaments of with pleasure. th ir Venetian frames harmonise well with Through constantly walking in one directhe tapestry. Presently the throng is tion round the hall (he being unable to turn increased by the contingent from the and turn about like Weston), O'Leary has dining-room, and then the scene becomes the muscles of one leg contracted, and a one of great animation. The apartment drop of at least three inches of the shoulder book, and he has received his own copies is crowded with striking figures, but there on the same side. The curious may be can be no question as to which is the most interested to learn this is the result of But as Mark Twain observed, when he was himself, others he gives to his friends, and striking of all—that white-haired old man walking 520 miles, with 26 abrupt turns to told that a vessel of 1000 tons was bearing one is laid aside for the doyen of French who, in spite of his seventy-five years, is still each mile always swung in the same direcincontestably the greatest spiritual force | tion. Once or twice O'Leary tried to reverse sufficient for him," so we feel it a duty to introduction, and away he goes to the Rue of France. Nothing can be more unjust his way of walking, and turn his right hand than to accuse him of vanity or the greed to the enclosure; but a couple of laps were be made to the Supreme Court to substitute be enough to do the trick without any might say, between luxurious Paris and the of homage, as is sometimes done. His enough at a time. It would seem as if there the Massachusetts Charitable Mechanic Ch'ao-yang men at all. Which digressions Montmartre quarter. He wonders a little bearing is modesty itself; he simply cannot could be no choice in the matter; there was instance, in his own drawing room-where, winning and losing in it. which one would certainly say had just been second hand furniture shops and third rate if anywhere, a man should belong to him. The following appeared in the papers is not very creditable to the citizens of burnt out by a fire, so blackened and smoky cafes, with a new skating-rink right op- self-he has but just left a group of of a midshipman undergoing examination at are its houses, and walls. The curious posite to the poet's door. The hou e is deputies when a young actor holds him Portsmouth for his sub-lieutenancy: feature is the height of the houses, nearly built in flats, in the usual style of Paris, with his glittering eyo, and will not let all being of three and many of four storeys. and it has many tenants, but there is no him go again until he has heard one of his by a galvanometer when connected with a They are evidently poor miserable tenements, need to ask questions at the porter's lodge. own odes repeated sotto voc from beginning Daniel cell. The man knows in a moment whom the to end. Come in and catch him listening, visitor wants. He has the indescribable without knowing the antecedent circum-Hugo?' He does not wait to hear it-'On an immense favour out of pure goodness of all pancramas, and we were soon snatched adroit in divination of character and objects day fortnight, it has occurred to him that mundi." from their eager gaze, to gaze very shortly as the man who opens the door at the he will run up to Paris to have the author's. ourselves upon the hill-side where they say doctor's, and who distinguishes between the interpretation of a difficult line. It is but me hard lines. one line, and yet he has come these miles woman. But we gazed and gazed in vsin. pilgrim is shown into a back drawing-room, to have the answer. A light-hearted peo-Perhaps the lady was shy and would not and there he finds-perhaps a little to his ple? Not at all; they are terribly earnest shew herself to strangers, though that excuse mortification—that he is not alone in his in what they deem the serious business of will not hold good for the gentleman on the errand of homage and pious regard. There life. Should it be thus, or thus?" and by turns he goes through the elocu-If a Frenchman, he makes the acquain- tionary pantomime of warning, entreaty At this point we met long faits of wood tance of every other person present in a or command-Jove the while most seriously inclined to hear, and at length deciding for the last with a murmur of 'Comme ga.' It is a pretty picture, and unique of its kind, case he could hardly be more agreeably for perhaps nowhere else in the world would a man of Hugo's eminence be so a cort of nober luxnry of decorations; its readily accessible to a boy who is only an porter who is lying in a hospital ill with days was held to be something extra-In the first trade the allusion is to the toned crimson, which affords sufficient accomplished; the young fellow has the tact depending upon him. At the concert one of changed from "a childish treble" to a cumbrous and unmanageable nature of the relief to its cabinet of black oak, and some to offer to retire—no matter what their posi- the smatters sang Sweet spirit, hear my more manly quality, he redoubled his study rafts; which are often of immense extent thing more than sufficient to its candelabra tion, good breeding is in the marrow of prayer. Mr Wall straightway wrote in the of the organ, and before he was fourteen the post of the organ. young fish it is necessary to keep up a very term, and this is simple for Paris: no more it Resten; solven is bien venu; your etes for this heinous offence. Thereifon a letter qualify him for the post of organist of Presently, an old gentleman with silvery who has the reversion of his button-hole- circumstances, pleading inadvertence, and this position for one so young was fu'ly hair enters, and all rise. It is Victor an Anglo-Frank, speaking both languages asking for a remission of the penalty on the felt by none so much as by him who held

of his chivalrous bonte de cœur. He is the

WHAT THE WORLD SAYS.

I hear of a great scandal at the Foreign Office. A person who has been allowed to him by the same individual (who annually They look at the act as an agent for consuls and others received a P.O.O. for 11.). The poor old serving abroad is said to have bolted with a fellow died this year a fortnight before the large sum of money confided to his charge. I hope we have now heard the last of these Foreign Office agencies, and that this will be the end of them. It is difficult to imagine anything more injurious to the high tone which ought to pervade the consular service than the belief prevalent throughout it that the employment of a Foreign Office agent is necessary in order to obtain advancement, or even leave of absence.

I believe I may confidently assert that at the end of the present Session Mr. Hardy will resign his portfolio as Minister of War, and retire to the comparative ease of the Upper House. His successor will probably be Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, but on this point I cannot speak with certainty. Colonel Stanley were a better debater, he would be the right man in the right place

as Secretary of State for War. The following is the opinion of a very distinguished French cavalry-general on the next war: "If the war is general, we shall abandon Nancy, defend ourselves behind the Meuse, and meet the Germans in Belgium. If the war should unfortunately again be a mere duel, then, if it occurs within the next three years, we can only fight behind the Meuse on the line of Sedan, Toul, Belfort. In three years this line of fortresses will be finished. We shall then try to fortify the frontier itself and to hold Nancy, although personally I think that Nancy will always and one which ought to be kept out of

I hear that two very opposing currents of pinion struggle with each other in Paris about the 'retreat' of Prince Bismarck. One side positively declares that the mighty Chancellor withdraws because he is unable to lead his imperial master to declare war against France. The other side asserts with equal certainty that the Prince recedes to Varzin because he is unable to prevent the same imperial master from declaring war against France. Under these circumstances, remember distractedly the title of an article which appeared seven weeks ago in the World, and Texclaim, 'Which?' Unless, indeed, it should happen to be neither.

At the presentation of colours to the 53d of identification is completed, they are reason to believe, H.R.H. directed that it still on the same principle, of the absolute | horns; but what will melodious malcontents exclusion of mere white from ceiling or say to this appropriation of their music by wall. Mirrors are plentiful-it is a French | the Saxons; I warrant they will hail it

Franklin's intentions. An application is to get away from his admirers. Here, for all the difference which exists between

" Q. Demonstrate the resistance developed A. The dimensons of this most remarkable

state-prison have not been handed down to manner of those domestics who are used to stance, and you might say that he was posterity. It is, however, generally supposed receiving a crowd - who are not only snuffing incense kindled by a match from to have been 40 ft. × 30 ft. × 20 ft., and filled servants, but guardians of a temple. He bis own pocket; but you have only to be with lions. How the lions got there will reads the inquiry in a look- Victor better informed to see that he is conferring probably never be explained. It is one of those things no person can understand, and the third floor, monsieur; the door to the heart. This young actor is absolutely is a remarkable proof both of the courage and right.' The buxom woman-servant of unknown; he is understood to belong to the scientific knowledge of these heathens. and youthful Hakkas scream and shout with mature age who answers the ring has the distant Bordeaux or Avignon; but having The lions are now dead. So are the folk genius he possessed might not dis for lack excitement. There is an end, however, to like qualifications for her office. She is as an ode of the poet to recite at a fête this who put them there. Sie transit gloria of nurture. This provident care, acting

A certain Mr Wall has entered into partner- instruments, string as well as wind, besides Union Ins. Society of Canton, \$750 ship with Mr Frank Bodda-best known to making himself a quainted with the less China Tratters' lns. Co., \$2,450 fame as the husband of Miss Louisa Pyne- interesting but no less valuable study of Chinese Insurance Co., \$220 persons who unwittingly sing songs in public won for him many wealthy and powerful H.K. Fire Inc. Co., \$540 in which they claim a copyright. Their friends, who supplemented the aid his China Fire Ins. Co., \$142. claims are an ennoyance, and sometimes father dould offer by furnishing masters to H.K. & W. Dock Co., 35 % dis. something more; but the story which reaches instruct him in various educational matters, me shows that the partners can do somes musiculas well as ordinary These friends, thing more than amoy. It appears that an in return, were accustomed to invite their amateur concert was given in the schoolroom acquaintances to listen to the performance at Harlesden for the benefit of a railway of their prodigy, which even in those early Chinese Imperial Loan, £108 actor whom nobody knows. His mission rheumatic fever, who has a large family ordinary. When his voice broke, or chez vous. And now it is a Jersey man was written to Mr Bodda explaining the North Cray Church. The importance of Hugo. The first effect of the face is most with equal case; who was one of the faithful ground of the poverty of the family out of it, and all space time was c refully spent in peculiar you seem to see the high forellead few that stood by the exile in that deplor- whose pockets it must come. That appeal sarnest and sasiduous study, in order that and nothing else—for one reason, perhaps, and business of the expulsion. Let him was returned to the writer and a letter to he might maintain the position in which he because the lower features are permanently make haste, for here are four poets—yes, the same purport sent to Mr Wall was was placed with dignity to bimself and hidden by the orisp white heard. He mositively four, and all well known to fame snewered by a statement that the object of honour to those who had recognized his

moves among his visitors with a peering | point of metre. Too late in any case; | that if a sovereign were not paid forthwith, | come "o'er the spirit of his dream." In to wish that the matter had been fought out experienced friends, found also that that Republican as he is outside, he is king in in the law-courts, for the legality of these

and his state is endurable only because one of sensational novelists and melodramatic | regarded when imparted by a stranger—one never wearies of the reverence of the heart. authors. A Mr Gardiner of Burlington, whose position was calculated to command Of mere glory surely he must have had Wis., posted a letter to his brother at Detroit | respect—the father of young Reeves placed more than his fill; from his youth up he in 1835. The brother had left Detroit, the him under a teacher of singing who was so has been recognised as one of the foremost | letter followed him; the brother had moved | far mistaken in his judgment of the characedition or for five hundred nights!

A rather curious story is à propos of the Boat-race, about an old gentleman who, for | Portrait Gallery." the last twelve years, was in the habit of taking a 1000 to 1 against the chance of a 'dead heat.' This bet has been yearly laid Surely something might be done to prevent

the publication of the letters of criminals under sentence of death. The sheriffs have a certain amount of authority, and I could wish that they exercised it. When the filthy brute Fish was awaiting execution we had something of the sort; but all previous performances in this line are eclipsed by the letter which appeared in the Birmingham papers of Saturday. One Baker is lying under sentence of death in Warwick gaol. His case is a common one. He was living with a woman of dubious, or rather of not dubious, character. She preferred some one else, and he murdered her. Since his sentence, Mr Baker has 'paid great attention to the exhortations of the prison chaplain, and the result is seen in a letter which is perhaps the most nauseous outpouring of cant that has ever been offered to the world. Mr Baker is quite convinced of his eternal happiness, and, in his own words, he fully expects to hear joyful sentence, "Come, ye blessed of My Father, and inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." The rest is too shocking for quotation but I can only say that if this is the state of mind produced in murderers by the unremitting ministrations of the gaol chaplain, it is eminently unsatisfactory, sight as much as possible. Greasy piety, soraps of hymns, forgiveness of those who told the truth about, a vulgar crime, and lamentations over the want of tobacco, make a rather disgusting mixture. The King of Sweden, one of the most

accomplished monarchs of our times, enjoying himself at Heidelberg. Happy man! He does not trouble about the Eastern Question, but occupies his mind with search of deep philosophy, Wit, eloquence, and poetry.

His Majesty is a wonderful linguist—for a Majesty; talks English, French, German, and Italian-fluently and with elegance. While yet Crown Prince he sent in a metrical rendering into Swedish of La Gerusalemme at Birr barracks the other day by the Duke | Liberata, signed only with a motto, to a Long before the dinner is at an end fresh of Connaught, the regimental band played literary society of Stockholm, and carried off pilgrims have begun to assemble, in the 'The Wearing of the Green' for the march- the laurel of victory from all competitors. smaller drawing room, for the evening ing-past tune. This spirited air used to He is studious, simple, and much liked; but and predecessor. But this is human nature. Nearly ninety years ago Benjamin Frankinvited to enter the salon-furnished in a should be struck up, he is perfectly right. Iin died. He left a legacy to the town of lighter style than the other apartment, but There is nothing like taking the bull by the Boston of 1000%, with a request that the interest should be devoted to aiding young mechanics to get a start in life. He hoped that there would be always a sufficient number of 'virtuous and benevolent citizens' in Boston, 'willing to bestow part of their time in doing good to the rising generation by superintending and managing this institution gratis.' The fund has fructified, amounting now to about 40,000%; but the Boston mechanics have never profited by it, for lack of 'virtuous and benevolent citizens' to administer it gratis. At last, after an interval which cannot be called too short, an attempt is about to be made to carry out

> be conspicuous by their absence. The affair Boston, and furnishes a disagreeable commentary on the admiration which they profess for the memory of their great townsman and one of the fathers of their Republic.

THE EARLY DAYS OF MR SIMS

REEVES.

Association for the benevolent citizens con-

John Sims Reeves was born at Shooter's Hill, in Kent, on October 21st, 1822. Showing a great aptitude for music in his earliest years his father, himself a musician of no mean ability, fostered and encouraged him in every way, so that the natural upon a mind willing and able to receive, The student was plucked—which seems to had so good an effect, that at a very tender age the future tenor had already mas ered I am asked to publish the following story: the mechanical difficulties of several musical Hongkong Bank, 21 prem. advances with a slight stoop, and slowly -waiting for his judgment on a knowly the concert was 'an immeterful point,' and budding talent. But a change was to

voice was of a fine character and quality. judgment, or because he thought that need-A curious story reaches me from Phil- ful instruction for the training and the rentola"-parts for a bass or baritone voice -with marked success .- Cassell's "National

> THE BRAINS OF CRIMINALS. In our last issue we published a very interesting letter from our Vienna Correspondent, in which a brief summary was given of Professor Benedict's researches on the brains and skulls of criminals. The su'ject is an important one, both from a phys ological and a psychological point of view and it is to be hoped that more extended and more precise inquiries will be made upon it, for the results which Dr Benedict has obtained, though very important, are not sufficiently numerous to warrant any large induction. Up to the present time Dr Banedict has examined the brains of sixteen oriminals, all of which, on comparison with the healthy brain, he finds to be abnormal. Not only has he found that these brains deviate from the normal type, and approach toward that of lower animals, but he has been able to classify them, and with them the skulls in which they were contained, in three categories. These consist in (1) absence of symmetry between the two halves of the brain; (2) an excessive obliquity of the anterior part of the brain or skull-in fact, a continuation upwards of what we term a sloping forehead; (3) a distinct lessening of the posterior part of the skull in its long dismeter, and with it a diminution in size of the posterior cerebral lobes, so that, as in the lower animais, they are not large enough to hide the cerebellum. In all these peculiarities the criminal's brain and skull are distinctly of a lower type than those of normal men, and the interesting question arises, how far are the evil acts of the criminal to be attributed to this retrograde development. Dr. Watts can pardon the vicious propensities of "bears and lions," on the ground that "God had made them so." If he had foreseen these new inquiries

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he might have felt less hopeful when he

bade his little readers not to "let their

angry passions rise." The results of Dr.

Benedict's researches, if confirmed by fur-

ther examinations, will do much to shake

many beliefs now firmly fixed - Medical

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SATURDAY, the 26th May, 1877, at Noon, the Company's MEIKONG, Commandant FOACHE, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the

above places. Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping orders will be granted till noon, Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 25th May, 1877. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.) Contents and value of Packages are-re-

quired. For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

Hongkong, May 12, 1877:

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Steamers from Shanghai. Freight will be received on Board until 4 p.m. of the 27th Inst. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. day: all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same

is required. Return Passage Tickets available for 6 months are issued at a reduction of 20 per

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G. B. EMORY, Agent. Hongkong, May 15, 1877.



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and Europe. Through Passenger Tickets and Bills of Lading are issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to ports in Mexico, Central and

South America, and to New York and Europe VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS. A Steamer of the Mitan Bishi S. S. Com-Ports, about same date, and make close connection at Yokohama.

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